

Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, and Roger A. Meece, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and certain Foreign Service Officer Promotion lists.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dawn A. Tisdale, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, who was introduced by Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Safavian, of Michigan, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, who was introduced by Representatives Conyers and Cannon, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2301, to improve the management of Indian fish and wildlife and gathering resources, after receiving testimony from Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; Olney Patt, Jr., Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Portland, Oregon; Millard J. (Sonny) Myers, 1854 Authority, Duluth, Minnesota; James E. Zorn, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Odanah, Wisconsin; Ira New Breast, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, Broomfield, Colorado; Randy Mayo, Stevens Village IRA Council, Stevens Village, Alaska; Gor-

don Jackson, Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau; and Ervin Carlson, Inter Tribal Bison Cooperative, Rapid City, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2107, to authorize an annual appropriations of \$10,000,000 for mental health courts through fiscal year 2009,

S. 2192, to amend title 35, United States Code, to promote cooperative research involving universities, the public sector, and private enterprises;

S. 2237, to amend chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, to authorize civil copyright enforcement by the Attorney General;

S. 1932, to provide criminal penalties for unauthorized recording of motion pictures in a motion picture exhibition facility, to provide criminal and civil penalties for unauthorized distribution of commercial prerelease copyrighted works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1561, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees;

S. Res. 334, designating May 2004 as National Electrical Safety Month; and

The nominations of William Duane Benton, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Robert Bryan Harwell, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, George P. Schiavelli, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Curtis V. Gomez, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2005 for the intelligence community, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4247-4250; and; 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 93-95; and H. Res. 612, were introduced. **Page H2488**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2488**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Nathan D. Baxter, Rector, St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. **Page H2485**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through May 4, 2004.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Assistance Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary, Department of State; and Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Research and Services. Testimony was heard from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Highway Administration (Environmental Streamlining). Testimony was heard from Mary Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

AFGHANISTAN: SECURITY AND RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Afghanistan: Security and Reconstruction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and LTG Walter Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, The Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Ambassador William Taylor, Coordinator for Afghanistan, Department of State.

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SYSTEM—REFORM AND STRENGTHEN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled “Examining Long-Term Solutions to Reform and Strengthen the Defined Benefit Pension System.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SPYWARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Spyware: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FTC: Mozelle W. Thompson, Commissioner; and J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection; and public witnesses.

ULTRADEEP WATER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Ultra-deep Water Research and Development: What Are the Benefits?” Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLay and Sandlin; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

TRANSFORMING THE NATIONAL GUARD: RESOURCING FOR READINESS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Transforming the National Guard: Resourcing for Readiness.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Security; Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and MG John A. Love, USAF, Special Assistant to Combatant Commander for National Guard Affairs, U.S. Northern Command; Janet A. St. Laurent, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and the following Adjutant Generals: Wayne Marty, USA, State of Texas; MG Timothy J. Lowenberg, USAF, State of Washington; and MG Bruce Tuxill, USAF, State of Maryland.

DIVERSITY VISA PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “The Diversity Visa Program, and Its Susceptibility to Fraud and Abuse.” Testimony was heard from Anne W. Patterson, Deputy Inspector General, Department of State; and public witnesses.